

**TO:** Mayor, Trustees, Village Attorney and Village Clerk  
**FROM:** Village Administrator Steve Stricker and Staff  
**DATE:** September 2, 2011  
**SUBJECT:** Miscellaneous Memo

**Village Hall Closed for Labor Day – Monday, September 5**

Please be reminded that the Village Hall will be closed on Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day. I want to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday.

**Pathway Commission Meeting – Thursday, September 8, 7:00 p.m.**

The next Pathway Commission meeting is scheduled on Thursday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. The agenda for this meeting is available for review at the Village Hall.

**Space Needs Committee Meeting – Monday, September 12, 6:00 p.m.**

The next Space Needs Committee meeting is scheduled on Monday, September 12, at 6:00 p.m., just prior to the Village Board meeting.

**BFPC Meeting – Wednesday, September 14, 7:00 p.m.**

The next Board of Fire and Police Commissioners meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m.

**Sprinkling Restrictions End – Thursday, September 15**

Please be reminded that the lawn sprinkling restrictions will end on Thursday, September 15.

**Plan Commission Meeting – Monday, September 19, 7:30 p.m.**

The next Plan Commission meeting is scheduled on Monday, September 19, at 7:30 p.m.

**EDC Meeting – Tuesday, September 20, 7:30 p.m.**

The next Economic Development Committee meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, September 20, at 7:30 p.m.

**DMMC Business Meeting**

The next DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference Business Meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, September 21, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The event will be at the Embassy Suites, 707 E. Butterfield Road,

Lombard and the topic of the meeting is "How to Effectively Communicate with Editorial Boards." If you are interested in attending, please contact Executive Secretary Barbara Popp at extension 2020 or via email at [bpopp@burr-ridge.gov](mailto:bpopp@burr-ridge.gov).

#### **Goal Setting Workshop – Thursday, September 22, 6:00 p.m.**

The Goal Setting/Strategic Planning Workshop has been scheduled on Thursday, September 22, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Works facility.

#### **Veterans Memorial Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 28, 4:00 p.m.**

The next Veterans Memorial Committee meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, September 28, at 4:00 p.m.

#### **EQC Meeting – Wednesday, September 28, 7:30 p.m.**

The next Environmental Quality Commission meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, September 28, at 7:30 p.m.

#### **Events Planning Committee Meeting – Thursday, September 29, 7:00 p.m.**

The next meeting of the Downtown Burr Ridge Events Planning Committee is scheduled on Thursday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m.

#### **News Article**

A news article entitled, "More utility ratepayers sidestepping ComEd, buying in bulk," that was published in the *Chicago Tribune* this week regarding the growing number of Illinois communities that are negotiating for cheaper, and sometimes greener, electricity is available for review at the Village Hall. As the former Chairman and now continuing member of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Regulatory Issues Committee, I have been following the issue of municipalities purchasing electricity on behalf of its residents since before the State law that allowed this ability was even passed. On April 5 of this year, 23 municipalities held referendums on this matter and all but four were approved. These were the first communities to pass referendums to take advantage of this new law. The Committee, with the help of David Hoover, Executive Director of the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative, the organization we use to help us purchase electricity for street lights and the water pumping station, will be preparing a report on what to do and what not to do, based on the experience of the first communities to move forward with this project, in order to make the process smoother for those who would like to pursue this matter in the future.

I plan to discuss this matter with the Board as a possible future goal during the Goal Setting meeting on September 22. If the Board agrees to move forward with this project, it will have until the end of December to pass an Ordinance placing a referendum question on the March 20, 2012, ballot.

#### **Hub Group Update**

Mayor Grasso received an email earlier this week indicating that the Hub Group is in the process of analyzing their various alternatives and that they hope to get back to us as quickly as possible.

#### **Energy Efficient Lighting Upgrade Funds Available**

I have learned through the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus that planning and technical assistance, as well as grant funding, may be available to us as we improve the lighting systems in the Village Hall Board Room and Conference Room. I hope to schedule a meeting next week with a representative of 360 Energy Group, who has partnered with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus to provide technical assistance to municipalities interested in implementing an energy-efficiency lighting project. I will update the Space

Needs Committee regarding whether or not we can take advantage of this program at its next meeting in September 12.

### **Open Meetings Act Training Required for Elected and Appointed Officials**

A letter from Village Attorney Terry Barnicle indicating that a new State law was passed that requires elected and appointed members of the municipality to obtain electronic training from the Illinois Attorney General's office regarding the requirements of the Open Meetings Act is available for review at the Village Hall. This requirement is not only for Village Board members, but also members of Boards and Commissions of the Village, i.e., Plan Commission, Police Pension Board, Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, Pathway Commission, E-9-1-1 Board and Environmental Quality Commission. This training must be complete by January 1, 2013.

The Illinois Attorney General's office, which is required to provide this training, has not yet created its training program. As soon as they do, we will direct the members of all of our Boards and Commissions to complete this required training.

### **July Building Report**

The Building Report for the month of July, prepared by Building & Zoning Assistant Julie Tejkowski, is available for review at the Village Hall. The report shows the following building permits issued during the month:

- 1 New Single Family Residential in the amount of \$638,700
- 0 Residential Additions/Alterations
- 0 New Non-Residential
- 0 Non-Residential Additions/Alterations

A year-to-date grand total of 35 permits were issued for a year-to-date construction value of \$8,272,389.